

The Court advised Defendant that he is entitled to appointed counsel, but not to counsel of his choice. The Court acknowledged the serious nature of the charges and penalties that


Defendant faces, but advised him that appointment of new counsel would not change these circumstances.

“Because the right to choose counsel is not absolute, it necessarily follows that a defendant does not have an absolute right to substitution of counsel. As a general rule, a defendant must show good cause in requesting a new appointed lawyer.” United States v. Mullen, 32 F.3d 891, 895 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994). Here, Defendant’s assertions do not establish good cause for the Court to appoint new counsel. Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds no basis to remove Mr. Beam as appointed counsel.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties; and to the Honorable Richard L. Voorhees

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: September 18, 2013

  
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David S. Cayer  
United States Magistrate Judge

